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 DRILLING AND EXTRACTION

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1. IN REPLY TO INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFERENCE B WE RECEIVED
THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MR. K. BENDZKO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR,
ECONOMICS AND COMMERCE, PETROBALTIC COMPANY:

BEGIN QUOTE: REGRET THE DELAY IN REPLY TO YOUR CABLE OF JULY 16.
AT PRESENT WE CAN INFORM YOU ONLY ABOUT THE FOLLOWING: 1) OUR
COMMON ORGANIZATION FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION IN THE BALTIC SEA
WAS FOUNDED BY A GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT AND SIGNED BY THE G.D.R.
MINISTRY OF GEOLOGY, POLISH MINISTRY OF MINING AND U.S.S.R.
MINISTRY OF GEOLOGY. 2) THE ENTITIES ACTUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR
PURCHASING ARE THE SPECIAL FOREIGN TRADE ENTERPRISES OF THE POLISH
MINISTRIES. HOWEVER, THE FIRST STEP IS OUR TASK TO ESTABLISH ALL
TECHNICAL CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS AND TO CHOOSE OUR FUTURE
SUPPLIERS. 3) THE SUMMARY CAPITALIZATION OF OUR ORGANIZATION WAS
DETERMINED IN THE GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT MENTIONED ABOVE. ON THIS
BASIS WE HAVE SCHEDULED THE ANNUAL PLANS FOR GEOLOGICAL EXPLORA-
TION AND INVESTMENTS. THESE DETERMINE THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL
AMOUNTS. THE SOURCE OF INCOME OF OUR ORGANIZATION CONSISTS OF
THE ANNUAL PARTICULAR PAYMENTS OF THE PARTICIPATING GDR, POLISH
AND USSR ENTITIES AS SCHEDULED. ALL FURTHER INFORMATION YOU
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REQUESTED WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL WE INITIATE OUR TECHNICAL

AND COMMERCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH OUR FUTURE SUPPLIERS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD GIVE US, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF U.S. PRODUCERS AND DEALERS OF JACK-UP TYPE, OFF-SHORE DRILLING RIGS. THE MATTER IS VERY URGENT. (S) K. BENDZKO END QUOTE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RELAY THIS MESSAGE TO INTERESTED FIRMS, AND SUBMIT SOONEST NAMES AND ADDRESSES AS REQUESTED BY BENDZKO.
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